

## CLAIMS

1. A device for gripping a cable, comprising an elongated housing for slidably receiving the cable axially thereof, the housing being configured to permit an end of the cable to leave the housing and be received back by the housing to form a loop, the device further including means for securing at least the part of the cable received back by the housing.

2. The device of claim 1, wherein the housing is tubular and the cable passes along a central bore of the tube.

3. The device of claim 2, wherein the housing has an aperture which opens in at least one side of the housing, the cable leaving the housing through such aperture.

4. The device of claim 3, wherein the housing has a recess in the side of the housing opposite the aperture opening, the end of the cable being received in such recess.

5. The device of claim 3, wherein the aperture extends fully across the width of the housing to open in the opposite sides of the housing, the cable leaving the housing through one end of the aperture and being received back by the housing through the other end of the aperture.

6. The device of claim 3, 4 or 5, wherein the ceiling of the aperture is slanted to guide the cable out through the aperture.

7. The device of any preceding claim wherein the housing has a head, and said means for securing the cable loop comprises a first lock piece for temporarily holding the cable loop against the head and a second lock piece for securing the first lock piece against the cable loop.

8. The device of claim 7 further comprising a biasing means for biasing the first lock piece towards the head.

9. A device for pulling a plurality of cables, comprising a base and means for attaching each of the plurality of cables to the base, the attachment means comprising a first central attachment device and an even number of further attachment devices symmetrically surrounding the central device.

10. The device of claim 9, wherein each attachment device is freely rotatable about an axis normal to the base.

5 11. The device of claim 9 or 10, wherein each attachment device comprises a quick-release loop.